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CITY EVALUATING REBUILDINDY PROJECTS FOR GREEN OPPORTUNITIES

INDIANAPOLIS – In pursuit of Mayor Greg Ballard’s aggressive efforts to make Indianapolis a more sustainable, livable city, in March, the City’s Office of Sustainability and the Department of Public Works (DPW) held its final training session for its transportation and storm water engineering team on a new tool called the **Green Checklist**.

“The **Green Checklist** requires City staff and contractors to evaluate each RebuildIndy infrastructure project for possible sustainable elements, such as rain gardens, porous pavement, sidewalks, green spaces and bike lanes,” said DPW Director David Sherman. “These techniques can provide a wide variety of potential benefits, including reduced storm water pollution, increased safety and lower maintenance and operation costs when applied to the right projects.”

In addition, the City will now be considering never before utilized sustainable elements, such as reflective pavements and green space to cool urban areas and the use of recycled materials when appropriate on construction jobs. There are also efforts to raise awareness about opportunities to reduce environmental impacts on the jobsite, such as minimizing vehicle idling and recycling construction debris.

While not every project will be well-suited for green infrastructure elements, this new tool makes certain that for the first time in Indianapolis’ history, green infrastructure is considered for each City project.

The City piloted the **Green Checklist** on several RebuildIndy projects in 2010.

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